

# COL. TALMAGE SUES FOR DIVORCE

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Sues His Wife in  
North Dakota.

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in 1883.

Old Soldier Alleges Desertion on the  
Part of His Seventy-Year-  
Old Spouse.

PAPERS IGNORED WHEN SERVED.

Miss Talmage, a Daughter, Says the Suit Is  
Brought to Annoy Her Mother, or  
Her Father, Contemplates a  
Ridiculous Marriage.

Colonel David M. Talmage, former Min-  
ister to Venezuela and son of Thomas G.  
Talmage, once Mayor of Brooklyn, has  
instituted a North Dakota suit for a di-  
vorce from his venerable wife, Sarah J.  
Talmage. The couple were married a half-  
century ago, but have been living apart  
since 1883. Colonel Talmage alleges des-  
ertion on the basis of his plea for divorce.  
He has, for several years past, been liv-  
ing in Washington. In the early days he  
was known as the Beau Brummell of  
Brooklyn.

Mrs. Talmage, the defendant, lives at  
No. 255 Hickok street, Brooklyn. She is a  
niece by marriage of the Hon. Jacob W.  
Talmage, who was twice a United States  
Senator from New Jersey. She is about  
seventy years old, and a member of the  
Van Brunt family. She was Colonel Tal-  
mage's step-sister before becoming his  
wife.

Miss Talmage, daughter of the parties  
to this intricate suit, spoke in behalf  
of her mother yesterday.

"I cannot understand why father began  
the suit, unless to annoy us, because he  
is about to enter into a ridiculous mar-  
riage," she said. "He has been a source  
of trouble to us for years. We do not care  
what he does so long as he says nothing  
that reflects on mother. Already he has  
secured and sold a large share of her for-  
tune."

That it be understood thoroughly that  
mother's children are with her in this con-  
troversy, and if father goes too far we will  
show what sort of a man he is. As for  
this Dakota divorce, we care nothing. It  
will not be legal."

Colonel Talmage was married to his wife  
fifty years ago. Five children were born  
to the couple.

The papers in the present case were  
served in December, but Mrs. Talmage has  
ignored them.

Colonel Talmage is related to Rev. T. De  
Witt Talmage and William C. De Witt.

SISTER DIED FROM GRIEF.

Miss McGarvey's Death Followed Quickly After  
Her Brother's End.

A double funeral over the remains of  
John J. McGarvey and Mary F. McGarvey,  
brother and sister, will take place this  
morning from St. Vincent de Paul's  
Church on North Sixth street, near Driggs  
street.

John McGarvey, who was twenty-one years  
old, died on Tuesday, from heart trouble, and the death of  
Miss McGarvey followed the next night.  
She was twenty-four years old. The fam-  
ily live at No. 25 Fillmore place.

The young woman's death was sudden,  
and is believed to have been caused by  
grief. She had nursed her brother during  
his illness, and when death came to him  
she was prostrated. All Tuesday night and  
Wednesday the young woman cried con-  
tinually. When night came, she was per-  
suaded to go to bed for a long-needed rest.  
She awoke, however, at midnight.

At 11 o'clock at night her sister went  
to the room and found her dying. The family  
physician was sent for, but the end came  
at midnight.

The dead girl was greatly attached to her  
brother, and the two will be laid side by  
side in Calvary cemetery.

VILLAGE BELLE'S ELOPEMENT.

Seventeen-Year-Old Jessie Webb Runs Away  
with an Ex-Postmaster.

Northport, I. J., Jan. 8.—Jessie Webb, sev-  
en years of age, and one of the belles  
of this village, eloped last night with Mar-  
cellus Webb, aged thirty-five years. They  
drove to Osa Bay, seventeen miles from  
this village, where they were married in  
the Presbyterian Church. Jessie Webb is  
the only daughter of Mrs. Rose Webb, a  
wealthy widow. Mrs. Webb, it is said, told  
her daughter that she must not speak to  
any man but her father.

The result was that they arranged to elope  
last night.

Mrs. Webb is furious over the marriage  
of her daughter. It is reported that she  
said to-day that she would not forgive her  
and would disinherit her.

Smith is an ex-assistant postmaster and  
Democrat. He is a bachelor and has been  
a bachelor ever since he was married. He  
has been keeping company with a girl for  
the past ten years, to whom it is said he was  
engaged. She takes a common sense view  
of the elopement and feels relieved that  
he left her.

THEIR ROMANCE IS ENDED.

Wife, Who Was Secretly Married, Causes Her  
Husband's Arrest for Cruelty.

Robert W. H. Ahern, the son of a former  
New York policeman, and Miss Annie Ahern,  
whose father is said to be a well-to-  
do New York business man, were secretly  
married on June 3 last at Watertown, N. J.  
She was twenty years old. Ahern was  
arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out  
by Mrs. Ahern, charging him with cruelty.

Mrs. Ahern is staying with a Mrs. Mal-  
comb, at No. 1 State street, Jersey City.  
She says that immediately after their mar-  
riage Ahern began to treat her unkindly  
and to demand money. She finally fled from  
him. Wednesday evening he called on her  
at Mrs. Malcomb's. She had been warned  
that he had made a vow against her and  
had shown a revolver. Ahern had no re-  
volver when arrested, but was locked up.

Celebrated Jackson's Triumph.

The Democratic League of Kings County  
last night celebrated Andrew Jackson's  
triumph over the British at New Orleans  
in 1815. The demonstration was held at the  
Pierpont Assembly Rooms. J. T. Mc-  
Reichle presided. Andrew McLean spoke  
brilliantly of Jackson, who he said was  
one of the greatest figures in history. He  
said Jackson was a pure patriot, a brilliant  
soldier, and a fearless and incorruptible  
official.

Brooklyn News in Brief.

There was a slight fire in the Revenue Bureau  
in the Federal Building, Brooklyn, Thursday  
night. Deputy Collectors Overfield and Constant  
put it out. The fire was caused by a candle  
coming into contact with some blanks  
lying on the wall.

Lieutenant Robert E. Perry lectured on his  
trips to the "Land of Eternal Ice" at the Brook-  
lyn Academy of Music last night. The lecture  
was interesting and abundantly illustrated  
by pictures.

It is said that the World leaders of the Re-  
publican party will name Fire Commissioner W. C.  
Brant for chairman of the County Committee,  
but it is not certain. General Brant has  
declined the honor. The friends of John G. Dunbar say that either  
he or John J. Neal will be selected.

# MAYOR WURSTER REBUKED

The Block in Which He Resides Denounced  
as the Most Unclean in Wil-  
liamsburg.

Mayor Wurster, of Brooklyn, received an  
implied, but very vigorous, rebuke from the  
Health Protective Association at the meet-  
ing held yesterday. His Honor lives at No.  
170 Rodney street, which is between Lee  
and Bedford avenues.

Mrs. Sprague, who discussed the subject  
of general cleanliness, said the Mayor's  
block was "the worst street in the Eastern  
District." "On Tuesday," she said, "the ash  
barrels were on the sidewalk instead of  
being inside the court yard. Several other  
disgraced city officials are neighbors  
of the Mayor. One is a member of his  
cabinet."

The president, Mrs. James Scrimgeour,  
said the remedy was to notify the City  
Works Department, and force the people  
on the Mayor's block and every other block  
to keep their ash and garbage barrels off  
the sidewalk.

Mrs. J. Forrester asked if something could  
not be done to keep tramps out of the pub-  
lic parks and the proposed children's play-  
ground in Williamsburg. Mrs. Scrimgeour  
said it was a difficult matter to decide who  
were tramps. The fact that the Mayor's  
block and out of work would not make him  
a tramp.

BONANZA IN SWAMP LAND.

Owner Thought It Worthless, but Discovers  
That Intruders Have Been Making  
Thousands by Selling the Rushes.

For many years Justice W. P. Smith, of  
Park Ridge, N. J., has owned a piece of  
swamp land near Island Park. He  
would have given away the land for  
nothing. Yesterday it developed that three  
young men had been annually making from  
\$700 to \$1,000 each by cutting reeds from  
the swamp land and selling them to New  
York meerschaum pipe manufacturers at  
fifteen cents a pound. Justice Smith pro-  
poses to go into the business himself, now  
that he has made the astonishing discov-  
ery.

The four men were in partnership, but  
disagreed over a division of the profits,  
and as a result three of them were placed  
under arrest on Thursday. The men are  
Thomas J. Smith, John C. North and Henry  
Crummey. They refused the vote of Alex-  
ander Knight, of No. 555 East New York  
avenue, on the ground that his name did  
not appear on the roll book at the address  
given.

In deciding the case Justice Smith said  
he believed Mr. Knight had been illegally  
added to the list of voters, and found the  
Inspector's guilty. He suspended sentence.  
A contest will follow as to the regularity  
of the delegates elected from the ward to  
the County Committee.

BEAT HIS DELICATE WIFE.

Each Time He Was Arrested She Pleaded for  
Him, but Now He Will Go to Jail.

Charles Widmeyer, a burly saloon keeper,  
of Fifteenth avenue, Newark, was arrested  
yesterday because it was alleged by neigh-  
bors that he used his wife for a punching  
bag. She is a delicate little woman. He  
had a wife and son when he was arrested,  
but in court she appeared and pleaded  
for him and succeeded in having sentence  
suspended.

On the occasion of his last arrest Wid-  
meyer swore that if he served a minute be-  
hind bars he would return and kill his  
wife. The Court was informed that he had  
killed his wife. Charles Widmeyer had beaten  
his wife brutally several times, but that  
she feared to cause his arrest. He will be  
sentenced next Monday by Judge Fort.

DRILLING NAVAL BATTALION.

First Division Goes Through the Movements  
in the Signal Corps Army.

The Second Signal Corps Army, in Dean  
street, near Washington avenue, Brooklyn,  
has been secured for the use of the Brook-  
lyn Naval Battalion, and the First Division  
drilled there last night, under Ensign  
Clark. Meetings will be held for the pur-  
pose of drill on every Friday evening here-  
after.

Commander George Hurlbut Church is  
reported to be seriously ill. He has been  
removed from his home to St. Peter's Hospi-  
tal.

Getting Together to Win.

S. S. Whitcomb, one of the Democratic  
leaders in the Twenty-third Ward, Brook-  
lyn, yesterday explained the purpose of the  
Democratic Club, which was organized  
last Wednesday night. He said: "We are  
not opposing anybody but Republicans. We  
are a club of defeat. We want to get to-  
gether and win a few vic-  
tories. The way to do this is to get to-  
gether and elect them."

Pined \$15 and Lost His Place.

Walter J. Madden, station agent on the  
Long Island road, Murray Hill, was  
placed on trial yesterday for a charge of  
embezzlement. He was charged with hav-  
ing embezzled \$15 from the company. He  
was fined \$15 and lost his place.

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Nellie says she didn't, and that she has  
no idea who did, and her parents have  
appealed to the police to find and arrest  
the person.

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tion, is doing a heavy thinking part, and  
walks around headquarters filled with mys-  
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54 North Clinton street, East Orange, N. J.,  
where his big home stands back from the  
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and contains many things that would tempt  
a burglar. For this reason the Checks at-  
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FAMILY THINKS BURGLARS DID IT.

Police Give Deep Thought to the Mystery,  
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Engine That Will Cut Through Twenty Foot  
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A large rotary snow plough will be  
shipped from the Cooke Locomotive Works,  
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Over One Hundred Witnesses Testify.

Jamaica, L. I., Jan. 8.—A hearing was given  
to-day before Judge Ingraham, of Hempstead;  
John E. Backus, of Newtown, and George K.  
Maynard, of Jamaica, commissioners appointed  
by the Supreme Court to hear and determine as  
to the mental condition of William H. Seaman,  
of Roslyn, a wealthy farmer, eighty-four years  
old. The application was made by his wife,  
Mary W. Seaman, and his sons, Edward W. Seaman,  
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M'KANE JURY SECRETS.

Foreman Sackett Tells What Occurred While  
the Jurors Were Deliberating  
Over a Verdict.

David H. Sackett, of No. 333A Sixth ave-  
nue, Brooklyn, who was the foreman of  
the McKane jury, revealed some of the  
secrets of that jury room in a talk for libel  
against a New York morning newspaper  
yesterday. The case is now on in the Su-  
preme Court, Brooklyn. Joseph A. Trapp,  
who was juror No. 11, and who was  
charged at the time of the trial with try-  
ing to hold out for a disagreement, brings  
the suit.

In referring to the time that the McKane  
jurors retired to the room set apart for  
them in the Hotel St. George, Sackett said:  
"The first ballot was taken without dis-  
cussion and resulted: Six for conviction,  
two blank and four for acquittal. Those  
for acquittal were Thomas, Bulger, Iles  
and Trapp. Trapp said he had a reason-  
able doubt and could not vote for convic-  
tion."

Juror Walker was taken ill later that  
evening, and the foreman wanted to ask  
the jury to discharge them, as he did not  
think they could agree.

"I knew we could not agree two or three  
days ago," replied Walker. Then he said  
he had overheard some juror saying that  
some of the jurors had said, "The witness, later  
in the evening, overheard Trapp say to  
Bohl: 'Go away or I'll knock you down.'"  
Bohl replied: 'I heard what you said in  
the hotel.'"

The foreman called Bohl to him, and  
Bohl said he had heard Trapp say to one  
of the jurors that he had five of the jurors  
and could hold them, and they would be  
all right after the trial was over.

Sackett threatened to write a statement  
of his suspicions to Judge Bartlett, and  
one after the other of the stubborn jurors  
came around and voted at once for con-  
viction. Trapp himself gave in right away.  
He had taxed Trapp with the charges  
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against a New York morning newspaper  
yesterday. The case is now on in the Su-  
preme Court, Brooklyn. Joseph A. Trapp,  
who was juror No. 11, and who was  
charged at the time of the trial with try-  
ing to hold out for a disagreement, brings  
the suit.

In referring to the time that the McKane  
jurors retired to the room set apart for  
them in the Hotel St. George, Sackett said:  
"The first ballot was taken without dis-  
cussion and resulted: Six for conviction,  
two blank and four for acquittal. Those  
for acquittal were Thomas, Bulger, Iles  
and Trapp. Trapp said he had a reason-  
able doubt and could not vote for convic-  
tion."

Juror Walker was taken ill later that  
evening, and the foreman wanted to ask  
the jury to discharge them, as he did not  
think they could agree.

"I knew we could not agree two or three  
days ago," replied Walker. Then he said  
he had overheard some juror saying that  
some of the jurors had said, "The witness, later  
in the evening, overheard Trapp say to  
Bohl: 'Go away or I'll knock you down.'"  
Bohl replied: 'I heard what you said in  
the hotel.'"

The foreman called Bohl to him, and  
Bohl said he had heard Trapp say to one  
of the jurors that he had five of the jurors  
and could hold them, and they would be  
all right after the trial was over.

Sackett threatened to write a statement  
of his suspicions to Judge Bartlett, and  
one after the other of the stubborn jurors  
came around and voted at once for con-  
viction. Trapp himself gave in right away.  
He had taxed Trapp with the charges  
and Trapp assured him there was nothing  
in them.

The case is still on.